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Subject: RE: Concerns about my work space
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 4:28:15 PM

Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for your message. I'm so sorry to hear about your concerns. I understand that Joyce is out of the office this week, but I wanted you to know that I received and read your input. I also want you to know that there has been communication between OMP, OEA, GSA, EPA Headquarters and the Union on this matter. No determination has been made about corrective actions. In the interim, if you are experiencing discomfort please work with your supervisor to consider episodic flexiplace, or work with your Analyst to locate a flex cube on another floor.

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Subject: Concerns about my work space

Hi Joyce and Marykay,

This purpose of this email is to document some serious health concerns that I have about our new work space. Monday I arrived in the office around 6 and within a half hour of being in my space my eyes were stinging and I was finding it hard to focus on my computer screen. As the day progressed I continued to have unusual symptoms including swelling of my hands, irritation in my throat, joint pain in my knees, and headache. I left work at 1:30 because I was feeling so badly that I was unable to get any work completed. By about 5:00 pm that day I was feeling fine. Tuesday I came into work and experienced similar symptoms. I could not leave to work at home because I had a meeting scheduled for late in the day with several people in the Elwah room. When [REDACTED] arrived on our floor for the meeting he mentioned to me that he felt his eyes stinging within 5 minutes of being in the conference room. By the end of this meeting my knee joints were in so much pain I had to limp to the bus and I felt sick much of the evening. I took Wednesday off and all these symptoms went away. I have now been in the office for approximately 4 hours and all of the

symptoms listed above started within a half hour of entering the 14th floor. I am not a chemically sensitive person and I have been on numerous superfund sites with significant contamination over the 20 plus years I have worked for the EPA. I have never experienced such obvious reactions to some type of chemical exposure as I have in our building this week. I am very concerned about what I am being exposed to that is causing all of these symptoms and further I am finding it very difficult to focus on my work. I am not sure what the appropriate corrective actions should be but there definitely needs to be some focused attention put to what is causing the health impacts on the 14th floor. Thanks (b)

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